

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

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HARRY G. SCHMIDT, JR.

Plaintiff,

v.

NANCY BOWEN AND CHRISTINE FOWLER,

Defendants.

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ORDER

Case No. 16-cv-30-slc

Plaintiff Harry Schmidt is proceeding *pro se* against a nurse practitioner and a nurse on a claim that he was denied medical care related to a back injury and breathing problems while incarcerated at Oshkosh Correctional Institution (“OCI”). On July 24, 2017, he filed a letter with the court that the clerk docketed as a “Motion to Stop Mail Interference.” Dkt. 73. In his letter, he accuses unnamed prison staff members of intercepting mail to and from his mother, and of opening his mail from a lawyer who is helping him with a different case. He asks the court to “help [him] try to get back to WRC or to CCI.”

Plaintiff’s motion must be denied. His vague allegations of mail interference do not relate to the claims at issue in this lawsuit and he does not allege that this is preventing him from litigating this suit. The fact that plaintiff has a case pending in this court does not grant the court general supervisory authority over the prison officials who are guarding him, or any say over where he is housed. To the extent that plaintiff may think he has been deprived of his constitutional rights as a result of the alleged mail interference, then he must raise that claim in a separate complaint and must a separate filing fee, provided, however, that he first exhausts his administrative remedies. In the meantime, absent a showing by plaintiff that he is unable to litigate this lawsuit as a result of the alleged mail interference, this court shall take no action on the general allegations raised in plaintiff’s letter.

ORDER

It is ORDERED that Plaintiff’s Motion to Stop Mail Interference, dkt. 73, is DENIED

Entered this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

STEPHEN L. CROCKER  
Magistrate Judge